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## AS CURTIS SEES IT.

Chicago Record's Staff Correspondent At Washington.

Discusses the Latest Phases of The War Developments at Home and on Sea.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Nobody except the president, the secretary of the navy and Capt. Crowninshield knows where Admiral Sampson has gone with the seven strongest ships in his fleet—the New York, Iowa, Indiana, Puritan, Cincinnati, Detroit, Marblehead and the dispatch-boat Mayflower. They received instructions Wednesday to prepare for a long voyage and to be ready to sail at an hour's notice. The naval war board may be able to guess their destination, because the movement is made upon its recommendation, but the secretary of war and the rest of the cabinet do not know, and Admiral Sampson has sealed orders, which will not be opened until he is well out to sea, and even then will only be communicated by signal in fragments to the rest of the ships, as occasion may require.

It seems to be pretty well understood that the Cape Verde fleet has returned to Spain. The telegrams from Lisbon to that effect are considered reliable, and therefore the fleet has not gone out to meet the Spanish armada; but two big Spanish cruisers Carlos V. and Alfonso XIII.—are reported to be prowling around Barbadoes, probably looking for the Oregon and Marietta, and it is the prevailing opinion at the navy department that Admiral Sampson has gone down to interview them. It may be, however, that he will pay a visit to San Juan del Porto Rico, and entertain that place as Admiral Dewey entertained Manila.

The Oregon and Marietta are equal to any two ships in the Spanish navy and ought to give a good account of themselves, but the Nictheroy, which was purchased in Brazil, is said to be without her armament and no better than an ordinary merchantman. It will be some days before Sampson's fleet is heard from, for the officials at the navy department are not expected to give out information on the subject, less its publications may interfere with the success of his expedition. The fleet that is left under Commodore Watson is sufficient to maintain the blockade and pick up any merchant vessels that have the nerve to come around that way. Such gunboats as the Helena, Nashville, Newport and Castine are equal to anything the Spaniards have in Cuban waters, and are sufficient to cover a landing force at Cardenas, Matanzas or any other place that may be selected along the northern coast. In fact the military and naval officers agree that there is no trouble whatever in landing arms or men upon the coast of Cuba and that communication with Gen. Gomez is now carried on freely.

Troop ships would have left Tampa and Key West with an invasion before this but for the uncertainty of the War Board as to the movements of the Cape Verde fleet. As soon as the President is satisfied that it has returned to Spanish waters—to Cadiz or the Canary islands—5,000 or 6,000 soldiers of the regular army will be hurried across the gulf stream into Cuba and an aggressive campaign will begin. In the meantime arms and ammunition will be sent to the insurgents as rapidly as possible. There are nine carloads at Tampa awaiting transportation, with sufficient guns to arm 30,000 troops, but an obstacle has turned up. Somebody has discovered that there is no authority for the President to use the obsolete muskets of our army, or in fact to use any of our arms, except the militia of the United States, and that Gen. Flagler, of ordnance, and the other representatives of the military, would be

held personally responsible for every one of these old guns and every bullet and cartridge they sent with them. Naturally this gives considerable concern, and Senator Hawley and Representative Hull, chairmen of the military committees of the two houses, were sent for in great haste this morning to have the situation explained to them. The President urged to pass a law to-day authorizing him to arm the Cuban insurgents in order that the movement might be pushed as rapidly as possible.

While there has been no correspondence on the subject and very little discussion, the President is convinced that if Germany or France should interfere in any way with our policy in the Philippine islands Great Britain, Japan and probably Russia would be with us. There is no expectation of interference from any quarter, and the policy of this government will be framed upon that theory. The President does not intend to offer any opportunity for criticism from the European powers. Uncle Sam will go right along minding his own business and assuming the responsibility of his own acts with reference to the Philippine islands just as if there was no interest felt in the subject by any other nation.

Gen. Lee will not be satisfied with the commission of a major general unless he can go to the front. He told me the other day when he was here that he did not want to drill volunteers, but to fight Spain, and if it was true, as supposed, that the volunteer generals were to be kept in camp all summer teaching militiamen to turn out there toes when they walk and say "sir" when they answer a question he would throw up the job. He declared that he would rather go to Cuba as a private in the ranks than stay at home as a major general. Representative Wheeler feels the same way. He will have an attack of nervous prostration when he discovers that the regulars are going to do all the fighting and the volunteers are only to furnish a home guard.

## DEMOCRATS GAIN IN INDIANA

Complete Returns of Election Show a Result Different Than in 1896.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 4.—Complete returns from the municipal elections in Indiana show that the democrats made substantial gains over the vote of 1896. The most significant democratic victories were in Muncie, Greenfield and Martinsville, Logansport, a democratic city elected a Republican mayor, and the Republicans made gains in a good many places.

Many citizen's tickets were in the field, and where there were increased or decreased majorities the changes are attributed to local issues. The officers of the two old party committees do not regard this general result as significant.

## Schoolboys Volunteer.

Washington, May 5.—Eleven stalwart, splendid-looking boys, apparently about 21 years of age, marched into the ante-room of the navy to-day and told the messenger they would like to see Assistant Secretary Roosevelt. That gentleman soon appeared and showed his big white teeth, which is an indication of enjoyment; then he shook hands all around and marched off with the boys through the corridor over to the war departments, where they were examined, enlisted and mustered in as privates in Roosevelt's "rough riders." Most of them belonged to the senior class at Harvard. Four of them are on the foot-ball team, two pulled oars in the "varsity crew" last summer, one was class poet, another the editor of the Harvard Crimson, but they all have left their classes only two months before graduating and are now privates in the United States army at \$13 a month and rations.

A local clergyman asserts in a sermon the other day that "there are only eleven or twelve real ideas in the world." That isn't one of them.

## ALFONSO ESCAPES WITH HALF A MILLION.

Reached Porto Rico Before Sampson Could Intercept Her.

FURIOUS RIOTING AT MADRID PORTENDS THE DYNASTY'S DOOM.

Queen Regent May Resign at any Moment—Another Spanish Spy Captured—Nitheroy Sails North From Rio.

Washington, D. C. May 5.—(Special)—At close of office hours nothing had been heard from Dewey. No news of Sampson's fleet. Belief that it has gone to the assistance of the Oregon.

Navy Department believes now Cape Verde fleet has returned to Cadiz.

Spain will soon issue a decree forbidding the export of wheat. San Juan, Porto Rico, will be siezed soon.

## Riots and Mobs in Madrid.

Madrid May 5.—(Special)—The whole city is in a panic. A rush on the bank by holders of notes began early this morning. The bank is cashing notes in silver as fast as possible, but danger from the immense crowd is imminent, and troops have been ordered to the scene. A revolution is expected before the midnight hour. Everything points to that serious result of the riots and turmoil in this and other cities in Spain.

If news of another Spanish defeat comes, it is believed no power can stay the upheaval which will shake down the monarchy. The situation grows more serious and the scenes more exciting hourly. The military is held in readiness in many public places to put down the populace, but it is thought, that open force can hardly quell the enraged public now.

In two or three cities strikes or rioters and the troops have clashed. Riots are occurring at many places. Martial law has been proclaimed at Carthagena.

At Murcia, thirty miles from Carthagena, 8,000 miners are rioting, and a conflict with the troops has occurred.

## Burrows Leaks.

Washington, May 5.—There were many conferences between the President and Senators and Representatives to-day. The first comer was Senator Burrows, of Michigan, who came to present some friends to the President. As he left he said: "Everything is moving along smoothly and well. What we want now is Porto Rico. We ought to have that to-morrow."

"Will it be as soon as that, Senator?"

"Yes," was the reply, "Probably in a day or two."

## Mobilization Monday.

Lexington, Ky., May 5.—(Special)—Captain Ballance has ordered all three regiments to report here at once, and it is expected that the Kentucky volunteers will all be in camp by Monday night.

The Second Regiment is ordered to report Friday, the third Regiment on Saturday, and it is probable that the First will come Monday, although the order has not been issued.

## The Alfonso Escapes.

Madrid, May 5.—It was announced officially to-day that the Spanish steamer Alfonso XIII. said to have troops and a valuable cargo on board, has arrived at Porto Rico. It was feared she would be captured.

## Nitheroy Sails North.

Buenos Ayres, My 5.—A dispatch received here from Rio Janeiro announces that the United States dynamite cruiser Nitheroy has sailed northward.

## NOW FOR A HANGING.

A Spanish Spy Caught Trying to Dynamite a Coal Bunker.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 5.—The report that a supposed Spanish spy had been captured aboard the military cruiser St. Paul at Camp's shipyard was confirmed yesterday. Who the man is Capt. Sigbee refuses to tell, and all that is known of him is that his father is a Spaniard and that his mother was born on Cuban soil. This suspect enlisted some days ago as an oiler, and almost from the time of his enlistment was under suspicion on account of his peculiar action.

Late at night a marine who was on watch below decks near the powder magazine discovered the man acting in a suspicious way around the magazine. The marine lost no time in bringing the man to ground, and a short and severe

fight followed. The guard overpowered him, but not before the



CAPTAIN SIGBEE.

suspect received a great gash on the right side of his face. He was taken before Capt. Sigbee for examination, and the captain commit-

ted him to the "brig" for the night. A thorough investigation is being made.

## SKIRMISH IN CUBA.

The Leyden Send Lead Bullets Into Spaniards.

Key West, Fla., May 5.—The United States dispatch boat Leyden, sent to Cuba the United States Government early in the week, returned here from Cuba at 4 o'clock this morning with four of the six Cuban scouts who left here in a mission last Monday. The other scouts were landed with those who have returned and communication was established with the insurgent forces under Gen. Pedro Delgado.

The Leyden was twice fired upon. She bears bullet marks on her smokestack. The Spaniards who opened fire on the dispatch boat were driven back by the insurgents.

## MORE CONFERRING.

Gen. Shafter Sails From Key West on the Olivette.

Tampa, Fla., May 5.—The steamer Olivette, which has been lying at the docks at Port Tampa with banked fires for several days, sailed suddenly to-day for Key West. On board were Lieut.-Col. W. H. Lawton, of Gen. Shafter's staff, Inspector-General of the Southwestern district, and Commodore Watson.

On account of the near approach of the time when the United States troops will be called upon to effect a landing in Cuba and the fact that Col. Lawton is on Gen. Shafter's staff, a good deal of significance is attached to the departure. It is supposed that Col. Lawton's trip is for the purpose of gathering all the information possible as to the movements of the Spanish fleet and the disposition of the Spanish forces in Cuba.

## LACKS CONFIRMATION.

Another Rumor By Way of San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 5.—News came from Mare island navy yard last night that makes it certain the navy department has received at least a brief report from Admiral Dewey. From three different naval officers it was learned that Admiral Kirkland, in charge of the yard, received cipher dispatches from Secretary Long this morning. They all say that this dispatch announced that in the battle of Manila Dewey lost fifty men killed and that there were about 100 wounded. It further said that none of his ships suffered serious injury except the Concord and Petrel.

## QUEEN REGENT MAY RESIGN.

Believes That This May Be Necessary to Save the Dynasty.

London, May 5.—A special dispatch to the Chronical from Vienna says that the family of the Queen Regent of Spain are seriously considering the idea of her resigning the regentship with the view to averting an anti-dynastic movement and saving the throne of her son.

## BASE BALL. (Special.)

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Pittsburg 4, Chicago 4. (6 innings.) Boston 4, New York 6. All others postponed on account of rain.

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	W.	L.
Baltimore	7	2
Cincinnati	10	3
Chicago	7	4
Boston	7	5
Cleveland	7	5
Brooklyn	5	4
Pittsburg	7	7
Philadelphia	5	5
Washington	3	7
New York	4	7
Louisville	4	10
St. Louis	2	8

When the cry came "To arms!" the patriotic girls were first to fall in.

## TO LEAVE SATURDAY.

Capt. Feland Receives Orders From Gen. Collier.

Latham Light Guards To Move on Lexington 84 Strong—Mr. Latham's Letter.

Adjutant General Collier telegraphed Capt. Feland, commanding Company D. Third Regiment yesterday that his Company would be ordered to move on Saturday. Transportation will be furnished for 84 men and the Southern railroad has the contract for transporting the troops to Lexington.

The news was received with the greatest enthusiasm by members of the Company who realize that their suspense is nearly ended and that a definite plan of action has been agreed upon.

When the news became known that the Company had received orders to move Saturday Capt. Feland was besieged with applications for enlistments. Few of these applicants, however, can be enlisted, as the roster is already considerably in excess of 100. It will be necessary to leave a large number of enlisted men behind and the ranks will be still further depleted after the physical examination to which each man will be subjected at Lexington. Fully 10 per cent of the volunteers have been rejected in the other states and it is probable that this ratio will apply to the Kentucky troops. Those who are rejected will be provided with a day's rations and transportation home.

Capt. Feland will carry to Lexington a company that will be a credit to Hopkinsville and an honor to Kentucky.

They are young men of fine connections, who have intelligence enough to know what war means and patriotism enough to give their services to their country for the honor of its flag and the cause of an oppressed people.

With the exception of the raw recruits the company will compare favorably with any in the State, the crack company of the Louisville legion not excepted. Military men who have witnessed their work have not been sparing in compliments on the men and officers of company "D."

## LATHAM'S LETTER.

Noble Sentiments by the Company's Generous Patron.

LATHAM, ALEXANDER & Co., BANKERS, 16 & 18 Wall St. New York, May 3, 1898.

"Capt. John Feland, Jr., 'Latham Light Guards,' 'Hopkinsville, Ky.

"Dear Sir:—I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of the very handsome souvenir from you and your gallant command in the form of a group picture. From an artistic standpoint I congratulate Hopkinsville on the excellence of the work.

"I am proud of the gift and beg to assure you and your men of my interest in your organization and in individual member thereof. I will follow your course in the discharge of your duty, counting confidently and with pride on your manliness, patriotism and courage.

"With best wishes for your creditable achievement and for your continuous preservation, I remain, "Very sincerely yours, "JNO. C. LATHAM."

## Dr. Bell Being Urged.

The many friends of Dr. Austin Bell are urging his appointment as regimental surgeon of the Third Regiment, since the resignation of Dr. Griffith, of Owensboro. All of the Regimental officers in this section favor his appointment and Company D. to a man is for him. Dr. Bell is splendidly qualified for the place and enthusiastic in the cause.